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V.)	No. 91195509
v.)	
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THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC.)	
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Applicant.)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Applicant, The International Group, Inc., by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby moves, pursuant to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules of Practice and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to extend the time to take discovery by sixty (60) days to August 9, 2011, with the testimony and trial periods to be reset accordingly. Good cause, as set forth in the annexed Declaration of Harry Schochat, exists for the granting of this Motion to

Extend.

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DECLARATION OF HARRY SCHOCHAT

Harry Schochat, an attorney duly authorized to practice before the Courts of the States of New York and Connecticut, hereby declares under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am the attorney for the Applicant, The International Group, Inc. ("International"), in the above-captioned Opposition Proceeding before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and as such I am fully aware of the facts and circumstances concerning the above-referenced matter.
- 2. I am making this declaration in support of International's Motion to Extend the time to take discovery by sixty (60) days to August 9, 2011, with the testimony and trial periods to be reset accordingly.
- 3. Good cause exists for the granting of International's Motion to Extend. The Board is liberal in granting extensions of time before the period to act has elapsed provided that the moving party had not been guilty of negligence or bad faith and the privilege of extension is not abused. National Football League v. DNH Management LLC, 85 USPQ2g 1852, 1854 (TTAB 2008). The Board may extend the time to conclude discovery upon motion reciting detailed facts sufficient to carry their burden of

- Esportazione Vinicola Toscana v. Colli Spolenti Spoletoducali SCRL, 59 UPQ2d 1383 (TTAB 2001). Providing detailed information related to other litigation matters is sufficient to justify a limited extension of time. See Societa Per Azioni Chianti Ruffino Esportazione Vinicola Toscana, 59 UPQ2d at 1383.
- 4. As set forth in the printout from the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations website, attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Opposer, Denise Snacks Inc., has been dissolved by proclamation. This was not discovered until after the Applicant served its First Set of Interrogatories on the Opposers. Additional discovery will be necessary to determine whether the aforesaid Denise Snacks, Inc., has standing to maintain this action.
- 5. Furthermore, the Applicant has objected to the Opposers' First Set of Interrogatories and has numerous objections to the Opposers' First Request for Production of Documents and Things. The Applicant anticipates that it will also receive numerous objections to the Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents and Things it served upon the Opposers. Consequently, the Applicant believes that additional motion practice, including motions to compel, will be required in order to obtain full and complete responses to the discovery demands it has served. The Applicant has no way of determining whether these issues will be resolved prior to the start of the Applicant's testimony period, currently set for September 23, 2011.
- 6. Additionally, the Opposers have noticed a deposition of the Applicant for June 9, 2011, one day before discovery is set to close. The Opposers, in their Notice of Deposition, have set forth an extensive list of topics to be discussed at the Deposition, however, many of the deposition topics explicitly ask for the names of the Applicant's customers and

disclosure. See <u>Johnston Pump/General Valve Inc. v. Chromalloy American Corp.</u>, 10 USPQ2d 1671, 1675 (TTAB 1988). The Applicant also believes that the objections to such deposition topics will not be resolved prior to the close of discovery.

- 7. The foregoing is not a result of the Applicant's negligence or lack of diligence. However, the Declarant, a solo practitioner, was delayed in seeking discovery due to complex and time-intensive negotiations related to the sale of a multi-million dollar business from November 2010, through March, 2011. The Declarant, is also corporate counsel to a publicly traded company, was further delayed in seeking discovery due to the preparation of documents required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although I believed in good faith that I would have time to conduct all necessary discovery related to the above-caption Opposition Proceeding, due to the dissolution of the Opposer, Denise Snacks, Inc., and the anticipated motion practice related to the outstanding discovery demands of both the Applicant and the Opposers, additional time is required to conclude discovery.
- 8. For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Board grant the Applicant's Motion for Extension of Time to conclude discovery.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify, in accordance with Rule 2.101(b) of the Trademark Rules of Practice, that on June ___, 2011, I served the foregoing Motion to Extend on the Opposers, by depositing a true and correct copy of same, enclosed in a post-paid, properly addressed wrapper, in a post-office/official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service and by overnight courier service, Federal Express, addressed to:

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